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SEPTEMBER 21st, 1878.

THE WETEMPKA ASSOCIATION assembled with Chaney Creek Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Isaac Crumpton, from the 4th chapter of the first epistle of John, 19th verse, "We love him because he first loved us."

After 60 minutes intermission the Delegates composing the Association assembled in the house.

Prayer by Brother R. W. Carlisle.

Read the letters from the churches and enrolled the names of the Delegates (See Table.)

Re-elected Benjamin Jowers Moderator and James Baxley Clerk.

Invited Ministering brethren and Corresponding brethren to seats.

Call for Correspondence and Minutes.

Appointed committees as follows :

To arrange preaching during the Session. J. M. Dike, J. T. Oglebee, S. G. Woodall, with the delegates of this church, J. R. Powel, W. J. Dunn.

To arrange business to come before the body : J. P. Sayers, J. McLeroy, L. M. Parker.

To write the Corresponding letter : Brother J. McLeroy.

To examine Corresponding Minutes : L. N. Lee, J. C. Blake, R. Ward

Called for Petitionary Churches.

Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Brother J. E. W. Henderson.

Preaching this evening by Brother G. B. Knight.

SUNDAY, Sept. 22.

Preaching in the forenoon by Brother J. M. Field, followed by Brother J. S. Baxley, afternoon by Brother J. E. W. Henderson, followed by R. W. Carlisle.

MONDAY, Sept 23.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother J. S. Baxley.

Called for the report of the Brethren on arrangement of business which was read and adopted.

Called the roll and read the decòrum.

Renewed the invitation to Brethren in the ministry and Corresponding Brethren to seats with us.

Called for Correspondents from sister Associations, and received as follows :

From the Bulah, J. E. W. Henderson, J. S. Baxley, M. B. Merchant, B. J. Hornesby.

From the Primitive Western no Correspondents.

From the Hillabee, J. J. Cleavland, R. W. Carlisle, G. B. Knight.

From the Conecuh River no Correspondence.

From the Five Mile Creek, no Correspondence.

From the Cane Creek, no Correspondence.

From the Little Hope, no Correspondence.

Returned Correspondence to sister Associations as follows:

To the Bulah, L. M. Parker, J. M. Dike, S. G. Woodall.

To the Primitive Western by letter and minutes.

To the Conecuh River by letter and minutes.

To the Cane Creek, by letter and minutes.

To the Hillabee, J. M. Dike, J. C. Blake, J. S. Ogletree, D. J. Sayer, B. Jowers, S. G. Woodall.

To the Five Mile Creek, J. M. C. Norman, J. D. Robletson, W. H. Sayers.

To the Little Hope, J. M. Dike.

Called for the Corresponding letter which was read amended and adopted.

Called for the report of the Brethren on Corresponding minutes who report they find nothing claiming the attention of this body.

Appointed union meetings, 3rd District entitled to first choice.

1st. District, Bethel, Chilton, County, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in July 1879.

2nd. District, Mt. Gillead, Elmore, County, commencing on Friday before the second Sabbath in August 1879.

3rd District, Mt. Olive, Shelby, County, commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in August 1879.

Received contributions and distributed Corresponding minutes.

Contributions from the churches \$26.40.

Agreed to have 600 copies of these minutes printed, the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution and that he receive as compensation for his services the ballance of the funds over the printers fee.

Appointed the next Session of this body to be held with the Church at Ebenezer, Shelby County Ala., commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in September 1879.

Called for miscellaneons business and agreed to publish the abstract of Principals in the present minutes; also, appointed the Brethren J. P. Sayers, B. Jowers, J. M. Dike, to visit Ramah Church, Elmore County, and report her condition to the next Session of this body.

BENJAMIN JOWERS, Moderator.

JAMES BAXLEY, Clerk.

Resolved, That this body tender their thanks to God and respects to the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Chaney Creek church, for their hospitality to us during our stay among them.

Read the minutes and adjourned.

BENJAMIN JOWERS, Moderator.

JAMES BAXLEY, Clerk.

MONDAY, 23rd, The stand was occupied by R. W. Carlisle, followed by J. J. Cleavland.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Wetumpka Association to her sister Associations with whom she Corresponds, greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN:

God in his goodness has blessed us with the privilege of holding another session of our body, the business has been conducted harmoniously, the churches have nearly all been represented, and the letters indicate peace and harmony. The brethren correspondence has not been as full as we desired, but we desire a continuance of your friendly correspondence and hope to meet a fuller correspondence in the future. The brethren who have occupied the stand from day to day have, we hope been edifying and comforting to the children of God.

Our next session will be held with Ebenezer church, Shelby County, Ala., commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September 1879, 17 miles North of Columbiana, and 7 miles West of Harpersville, on the Pumpking Swamp road.

BENJAMIN JOWERS, Moderator.

JAMES BAXLEY, Clerk.

CONFESSION OF FAITH AND SCRIPTURAL PROOFS.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the one true and living God the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

We prove this from John 1 chap. 5 v.: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one," St. John 1 chap. 1 v.: "In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God." Chap. 10 v. 30.: "I and my father are one." St. John 17 chap. 3 v.: "And this is life eternal that they might know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hath sent"

Art. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3 chap. 16 v.: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Peter 1 chap. 4 v.: "For the prophesy came not in old time by the will of man, but Holy men of God spake as they

were moved by the Holy Ghost." Heb. 1 chap. 1 v. : "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the Prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things by whom also he made the world."

Art. 3. We believe that God elected or chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

Psalms 53 chap. 12 v. : "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom He hath chosen for his own inheritance." Eph. 1 chap. 4 v. : "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." 1 Peter 1 chap. 2 v. : "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctification of the spirit unto obedience, and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, grace unto you and peace be multiplied." Acts 9 chap. 15 v. : "For He is chosen vessel unto me to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Isreal."

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and man impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

Rom. 5 chap. 12 v. : "Wherefore as by one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin, so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned." Rom. 3 chap. 23 v. : "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 7 chap. 14 v. : "For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin." 8 chap. 7 v. : "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the love of God, neither indeed can be." John 6 chap. 44 v. : "No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me, drawing him."

Art. 5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Rom. 10 chap. 4 v. : "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." 2 Cor. 5 chap. 21 v. : "For He hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." 1 Cor. 1 chap. 30 v. : "But of him are ye in Christ Jésus who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness etc." Gal. 2 chap. 21 v. : "For if righteousness came by the law then Christ is dead in vain."

Art. 6. We believe that God's elect shall be called, effectually, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

1 Cor. 1 chap. 2 v. : "To them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus called to be saints with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours."

Titus 3 chap. 5 v. : "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost" Heb. 2 chap. 11 v. : "For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren."

Art. 7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and the true mode of Baptism is immersion.

Mark 1 chap. 9 v. : "And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Gallilee, and was baptised of John in Jordan." 16 chap. 16 v. : "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved." Acts 22 chap. 16 v. : And now why tarriest thou, arise and be baptised." 8 chap. 37 v. : "And Philip said if thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest, and he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 verse. : "And he commanded the chariot to stand still and they went down into the water both Philip and the Eunuch, and he baptised him." Rom. 6 chap. 4 v. : "Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so, etc."

NOW THE SUPPER: Mat. 26 chap. 26 v. : "And as they were eating Jesus took bread and blessed it, and break it and gave it to his disciples, and said, take, eat, this is my body." 27 verse. : "And he took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them, saying drink ye all of it." 28 vere. : "For this is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

1st Cor. v. chap. xi v. : "If any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or an idolator, or a railer, or an extortioner, with such an one no not to eat." 11 chap. 29 v. : "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

Art. 8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal. Mat. 28 chap. 5 v. : "And the angels answered and said unto the woman, fear not ye for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified. 6 v. : "He is not here for he is risen as he said." 7 v. : "And go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead."

Acts 24 chap. 15 v. : "There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." 17 chap. 31 v. : "Because He hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that, man, whom he hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men in that He hath

raised them from the dead." John 5 chap. 28:29 vs. : "Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth. They that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation "

Art. 9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

Leviticus 8 chap. 1 v. : "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, take Aaron and his sons with him." Hebrews 5 chap. 14 v. : "No man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron." 1 Tim. 4 chap. 14 v. : "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by Prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery." Acts 13 chap. 23 v. : "The Holy Ghost said, separate me Barnabas and Saul, for the work wherunto I have called them, and when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them they sent them away."

Art. 10. We believe that God has ordained good works that His children should walk in them, and that good works are only such as God hath commanded in His word and not such as without the warrant thereof are devised by men out of blind zeal or upon any pretense of good intentions.

Eph. 2 chap. 10 v. : "For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." James 2 chap. 18 v. : "Show me thy faith without thy works and I will show thee my faith by my works." Romans 10 chap. 3 v. : "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." Titus 3 chap. 5 v. : "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost."

Art. 11. We believe that washing the Saint's feet was ordained by Christ to be done by his children in a Church capacity until His second coming.

John 13 chap. 5 v. : "After that He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciple's feet and wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded." 14 v. : "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye, also, ought to wash one anothers feet." 15 v. : "For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done unto you." 1 Tim 5 chap. 10 v. : "Well reported of for good works. If she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the Saint's feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work."

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICE	NAMES OF DELEGATES.											
			Ordained, ministers marked 1.	Licentiated marked 2.	Absentees marked 3.									
FIRST DISTRICT.						Baptized.	Used by letter.	Kept on confession of faith.	Dismissed by letter.	Recommunicated.	Restored.	Dead.	Total Number.	Sub. of meetings.
Method.	Chilton.	Cooper Station.	R Ward, I W Kicker.			1	1		0	1	0	0	57	2
Swamp Creek.	Coosa.	Rockford.	J P Sayers, I, J W Howell.			0	4		0	0			37	2
Coosa River.	Elmore.	Deatsville.	W S Parish.			1							9	50
Ramah.	"	Wetumpka.												
SECOND CREEK.														
Chaney Creek.	Elmore.	Chaney Creek.	J R Powell, W J Dunn.			0	1		4				20	50
Mt. Gilthead.	"	Equality.	D J Sayer, L M Parker.			1	2		1				26	1 40
Salem.	"	Tallassee.	S G Woodall, W H Sayer.			1	1		1				31	2 00
Bethel.	Coosa.	Equality.	B Jowers, I, J C Blake.			0	2	1	3	1			31	3 50
Fish Pond.	"	Fish Pond.	J S Ogletree, L N Lee.			1	1		3			1	43	4 00
THIRD DISTRICT.														
Mt. Olive.	Shelby.	Columblana.	J McLeary, I, J M Dike.			3	1		3			2	29	2 50
Ebenezer.	"	Wilsonville.	J Baxley, J W Spady.			1		1				1	22	2 00
Mt. Zion.	"	Oedar Grove.												
Mt. Carmel.	St Clair.	Broken Arrow.	J D Roberson, J M C Norman.			1			2			1	15	2 00

